IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No: 40072-0025

Applicant(s) Kazuhiro AIHARA et al.

Appl. No.: To be assigned

Filing Date: December 19, 2005

Title: CRYSTALLINE CARBAPENEM INTERMEDIATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

United States Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter the following amendments.